

2019 Caz One-Day
Or
Why the Lightning Class is SO GREAT!!
By Pam Tuttle Murphy

This year 15 boats completed 7 races at the Caz One-Day on Sunday, September 21st. The winds were typical Cazenovia Lake... shifty and puffy, from 0 to 12 mph within a 20 min race. Congratulations to winner Jim Barnash' team from Buffalo Canoe Club with a total of 11 points! Kudos to Tom King and team from Henderson Harbor for their second place overall with 26 points and his first 2 race wins in his **own** boat. Third place was awarded to Bob Wardwell's team from Crescent Yacht Club with 27 points. Fourth place goes to the Skaneateles team Fleckenstein with 31 points. Winning the tie breaker with 34 points, fifth place finisher was Federico Meira's team from Willow Bank YC.

Why the Willow Bank Yacht Club and the Lightning Class holds a special place in my heart...

First some personal history: 72 years ago in 1947, just 9 years after the Lightning Class was born, 4 Lightning sailors created fleet 164. This was one year before WBYC was established. That event was extra special for me because my Grandfather, John Tuttle was one of the four founding members. A little more history: Our children, AJ & Peter Murphy started racing with Clay and I at age 10. I started racing with my father Dick Tuttle around age 10; my father, started crewing with his father John Tuttle (my grandfather; AJ & Peter's great grandfather) at age 10 in 1947.

Flash forward to 2019 ...The Lightning class and Fleet 164 at WBYC is still going strong. As I looked around after sailing as everyone gathered around enjoying the chili lunch, I realized why I LOVE THE LIGHTNING CLASS. Lightning sailing welcomes and includes EVERYONE! The Lightning Family is intergenerational. Racing we had husbands and wives (Mark and Rebecca Fleckenstein), parents and daughters (Woods/O'Neil Family; Meira/Wright Family), uncle (Pete King) competing against nephew (Tom King). Juniors Leo Hallagan (sailing with Peter Hallagan, his father) and Danny Burger tested their skills against veteran racers like Bob Wardwell and Jack Jones, both long time staples of CNY. Owen and Meghan Wing traveled for the first time and competed on the same course as Jim Barnash, Worlds competitor. Crewing with Barnash was Andrew Green, who grew up sailing Thistles, but started sailing Lightnings this year. Many of the sailors have raced in national and international competitions. You know who you are. We had friends and family helping on the RC boat; spouses and WBYC members as shore support. (Great lunch Kathy King, Thanks Al Marshall for scoring)

What a great sailing community we have. The Lightning class is deep in talent and friendship. This weekend was especially hard for me, because missing from the race course was my father, Dick Tuttle, who passed away recently, but I would like to THANK YOU DAD for raising me in this extended Family!